

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A low dispersion optical glass comprising, given as molar percentages, 28 to 50 percent of P_2O_5 ; more than 20 percent but not more than 50 percent of BaO ; 1 to 20 percent MgO ; a sum of Li_2O , Na_2O , and K_2O exceeding 3 percent (with 0 to 25 percent of Li_2O , greater than or equal to 0 percent and less than 10 percent of Na_2O , and 0 to 12 percent of K_2O); more than 0 percent but not more than 15 percent of ZnO ; 0 to 25 percent of B_2O_3 ; 0 to 5 percent of Al_2O_3 ; 0 to 8 percent of Gd_2O_3 ; 0 to 20 percent of CaO ; 0 to 15 percent of SrO ; and 0 to 1 percent of Sb_2O_3 ; with a sum of oxide contents of P, Ba, Mg, Li, Na, K, Zn, B, Al, Gd, Ca, Sr, and Sb being greater than or equal to 98 percent. The optical glass comprises no La_2O_3 . The press molding preform is comprised of the optical glass.